



POLK COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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**POLK COUNTY FARM BUREAU ENDORSES PUTNAM FOR
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**

BARTOW –Today, the Polk County Farm Bureau announced their endorsement of **Adam Putnam for Commissioner of Agriculture** in 2010. The board of directors unanimously approved the endorsement of the Bartow native.

“Adam is a man who has worked his entire career on the issues of interest to Florida Agriculture. The challenges facing the industry calls for a great leader. We look forward to supporting this campaign and then working with him in Tallahassee once elected,” said Polk County Farm Bureau President Kenny DeVane.

Putnam kicked off his campaign on February 18 in Bartow. He will serve out his two-year term in Congress prior to the Commissioner of Agriculture race. Putnam comes from a long line of agriculturalists. Five generations of Putnams have farmed in Florida. He was elected to the state House as a 22-year-old and won his Congressional seat four years later. Putnam serves on the Financial Services Committee and has previously served on the Agriculture Committee.

Polk County Farm Bureau, founded in 1942, represents more than 4,500 member families and is directed by a 27-member board of farmers, growers and ranchers. PCFB works with educators, government officials and community leaders to enhance and protect the viability of agriculture in Polk County.

